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Week End Rains Soak South Alta Grain Crops --Local Outlook Good

Best Looking Crops in Years After Week End Rain—Southern Alberta Generally Is Drenched—Bassano District Has Good Prospects of Bumper Crop

1½ INCHES RAINFALL

With Alberta from Red Deer south to the boundary receiving a general soaking last Saturday night and Sunday, Bassano received its quota of 1½ inches rainfall. The lands in the district were dry and powdery; generally, and though crops were not in dire need of moisture, the rain came at an opportune time to bump the prospective yield by several bushels to the acre.

An official report of precipitation obtained from the Bassano dam shows 1.58 inches fell at the dam since June 1. This is a fair indication for the district.

At this period of the growing stage the steady soaking the grain received will do much to increase the stalk and strength, an indication of a good head.

Although crops had much benefit from a nearly similar amount of rainfall at this time last year, a combination of factors beginning at seedling stage had limited one of the best "years in memory" to a mere "good."

Confined warm spells with lightly scattered showers to prevent serious drifting provided an early development, with touches of frost noted. A heavy frost followed, which was a sort of the brace for the crop. The continued rains more recently have aided in producing grain stalks several inches in height in this district.

Farmers are viewing with pleasure the improved outlook for the current year, and if the final result of the around Bassano may be taken as a criterion, the successive years of crop failures have come to an end.

DANCE HERE FRI. IN RINK BUILDING

The long-awaited date is here! In the curling rink building will be staged Friday evening, June 12, commencing at nine o'clock. Len Davis and his orchestra will be in attendance to provide his usual snappy dance music; and a refreshment bar will be operated by the Boy Scouts.

The dance is being sponsored by the dance committee of the board of trade, entire proceeds being donated for community purposes. A royal time is assured everyone at this dance. Turn out and have a good time.

The main street and several other streets in town were scraped during the week, leveling the rut and mud holes created by recent rains. The main street is improved, a thin layer of ashes having been laid.

Peake Will Manage July First Stampede

Walter Peake of Dorothy will manage the stampede in Bassano, according to the report carried in last week's issue of The Mail.

At the time our reporter understood he was obtaining reliable information from officials connected with the stampede committee, but from the same source we learn that the report was not correct.

Mr. Peake has arranged a good list of events and will be in charge of the stampede at the fairgrounds in Bassano July 1st.

LOCAL GOLF CLUB HOSTS TO VISITORS

Rain Last Sunday Prevented Match—Brooks, Gleichen Will Be Here Sunday—Local Golfers Invited to Play—Wayne Extends Invitation to Bassano

Bassano golf club will host to members of Brooks and Gleichen Clubs on Sunday, June 14. This date was agreed on following postponement last Sunday because of rain. The course is in first class condition, having been mowed, new tees constructed and greens resanded. All players taking part are requested to be at the clubhouse not later than 1:30 on Sunday.

The golf club extends an invitation to all those interested to play in the friendly competition between Gleichen and Brooks. Refreshments will be served in the clubhouse.

The local club has received an invitation from Wayne, no definite date being set as yet, but it is expected the club will be open to Wayne near the end of the month.

Draw for the \$10 in sporting equipment sponsored by the golf club will take place on July 1. All those with tickets are requested to turn them in as soon as possible.

The rancher beckoned to his foreman: "Jake, I wish you'd ride into town again, the correct time."

"But I ain't got no watch."

"A watch? A watch?" the rancher roared. "What do you want with a watch?" Write it down on a piece of paper."

The rancher was viewing with pleasure the U. S. A. spring wheat belt have become progressively less favorable, according to government reports.

S. C. CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE NEXT WEEK

A convention of delegates from Social Credit groups of the Bow Valley constituency is to be held in Bassano next Wednesday; June 17 at 2 o'clock.

Five delegates from each group will attend the meeting. There are 12 active groups in this riding.

W. E. Cain, M.L.A., will same

be in attendance to give an address to the meeting.

CROWFOOT SNAKE WAS COPPERHEAD

The snake captured by Harold Greenwood, Galt, not a garterman, several days ago, yesterday been identified as being a copperhead, and deadly poisonous.

Discovering the reptile in a pile of driftwood on the Bow River, Greenwood captured it, narrowly escaping being bitten in the right leg, as he was kept in a solution in a glass jar until a week ago, when a man recognized as an authority on the subject, claimed it to be a copperhead.

In color, the body resembled ordinary dirt, but the head was of a copper hue, and brownish red on the face.

Measuring 3 feet, it was found to be 30 inches in length, which is large for this species. The average length, it was learned, is from 18 to 22 inches.

It is not known how the snake came to be in the area, as copperheads usually haunt in the north-western and southern states, as they are practically unheard of in this region. The opinion was expressed that it is unlikely there are more of the species when this one was found, but it is possible one or two may be in the same neighborhood.

Teachers' Institute Meeting Held in Hussar on June 6

HUSSAR, June 6.—Friday afternoon a very successful teachers' institute meeting was held in the Hussar school with eighteen teachers, three visitors and Inspector W. E. Frame present.

During the business session, John Trosgood was elected president; Horace Allen, vice-president, and Mrs. Edna Leggett, secretary. It was decided to meet once a month next year.

Three system teachers of Shawal Water School, gave a talk on the enterprise that she had worked on during the year, and illustrated with many interesting articles which had been written by herself, Mrs. Akashwa, Japanese Americans, and churches, etc. Mr. W. E. Frame also had a carload of articles which he displayed as he gave a very interesting talk on the system of teaching.

Bassano Scout Troop News

The Bassano Scout Troop met at the school at 7 p.m. last Thursday evening, where cars took the scouts to the little dam for a bear feed. System was explained by Jim Swayze, leader of boy scouts, last Tuesday evening. Following physical training exercises and drill, everyone gathered around the campfire for the meal, beans being the main course on the menu. Following supper, the Scouts went to the dam to see the water stories, returning home at 9:30.

As the holidays loom near thoughts of the trop to the proposed Sylvan Lake camp, though no definite decision has been made on the encampment as yet.

Membership showed an increase of 100 for the year 1936. Sixty members were present at the meeting, presided over by President Jas. Johnston.

Good Program Set, Final Plans Completed For July 1st Stampede

Bucking Horses, Racing Events under Management Walter Peake—Men's & Students' Athletics—New Grounds is Welcome Change—Grand Carnival, Dance in Rink Building

FREE PRIZE OF RADIO

All plans and arrangements have been made by the local board of trade to entertain what is expected to be the largest crowd ever to appear at Bassano's annual July 1st stampede, sports day and carnival. Patrons are assured a good program of rodeo events and a fine list of men's and children's athletics; all to be staged at the new grounds.

Stampede Events

Bucking with saddle and with stirrups are the two major stampede events; boys' calf riding is also included in this part of the program. Five horse races will be run on the race day and carnival. Patrons are assured a good program of rodeo events and a fine list of men's and children's athletics; all to be staged at the new grounds.

Seven men's open athletic

events with substantial cash prizes.

Seven men's open athletic events with prizes of \$3, \$2 and \$1 for each event include: 100 yard dash; half mile race; 12 lb shot put; high jump; broad jump; and hop-step-dash.

School Students Events

A varied program of athletics for school children of 8 years of age and over has been arranged; dividing the events into age classes viz.: 10 to 12 years, 12 to 14 years and 14 years and over.

The events are broad jump, 100 yard dash, relay race and shot put for boys; and broad jump, high jump, relay race and dashes for the girls. Athletic events will commence at 1 p.m. sharp.

Rushing New Fairground

Work at Bassano's new sports and fairground west of the school is being rushed to completion so that the landscape and construction will be completed in time for the celebration. The grandstand has been completed; the race track is nearing completion; fencing material is ready to go in; the track surface is being prepared; the building areas will soon be started. Entrances to the grounds will be made at the south-west corner opposite the tennis courts and the south-east corner, just south of the swimming pool.

Opening Carnival

The carnival committee has completed arrangements and purchases for the grand evening carnival to be held in the curling rink building. Carnival games and amusements and refreshments will be the order of the evening. Under the same roof, on the spacious dance floor, Len Davis and his minstrels will entertain until an early hour in the morning with popular dance music. Straight and novelty acts will be charged for the dance, instead of the fine radio ticket now, and a chance on this fine radio.

Gem

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JUN 9.—The Gem farmers are all smiling these days because the rain which fell on Sunday was enough to do much good to the crops. However, many of them are still irrigating parts which were particularly dry.

The Excalibors were all very disappointed because they could not have a baseball game on Sunday as had been planned indefinitely on account of the heavy examinations starting next week.

Bill Caldwell left for the States last Wednesday on a business trip.

Mrs. Clark Vliet gave a birthday party for her son, Lyle, on June 9.

George, Gary, and three guests were Ronald and Billie Pollock, Don David and Curtis Royer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Miller, Miss E. George, Mrs. B. George, Mrs. W. A. Pollock and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Johnson were in the house of the occasion.

Mrs. Callison and Elsie remained at the home of Mrs. C. W. Wattemore one day last week.

Mr. Sullivan, high school inspector, and Mr. Sweet, public school inspector, were both at Gem school last Wednesday.

Mrs. E. Wade spent the afternoon with Mrs. F. Keeling on Wednesday of last week.

Chas. Douglas was a visitor at the Wimbley and Callison home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Betty Williamson spent the weekend with Miss Jean Plumer.

Mr. T. Harwell went to Calgary for the weekend and returned with a new car.

Mrs. C. Hanna accompanied him and spent the weekend with friends in Calgary.

Mrs. Maurine Ferguson was the

Wheat Prices in Europe

At the present time prevailing wheat prices in the most important countries on continental Europe are as follows (per bushel):

Genoa, Italy \$2.46

Hamburg, Germany \$2.34

Paris, France \$1.60

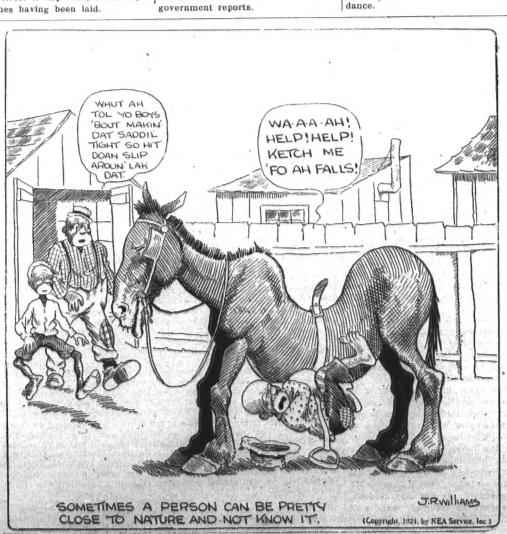
The above prices are extraordinarily high in comparison with world prices for wheat. The situation has been brought about by the fall of wheat consumption to expand in Europe. European peoples have to pay higher prices for low quality product while the finest quality wheats available at low prices are kept out by tariffs, embargoes and other restrictions.

guest of Mrs. T. Harwell on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Standen returned home to Edmonton Saturday after attending the postmaster's convention there.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde on the birth of a baby girl; to Mr. and Mrs. F. Keeling on the birth of a baby boy; and to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wade on the birth of a baby boy, all born during the last week.

This would do for the editor's "Hear'd 'n Seen" column: Pitch Keeling, being a proud parent for the first time was so excited that he acted breathlessly. "Am I a father or a mother?" Pitch knows who deserves the credit for this little story.



SOMETIMES A PERSON CAN BE PRETTY CLOSE TO NATURE AND NOT KNOW IT.

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May God forbid our saying on this page the things that merely please. We would be humble if our opinions were wrong, but we are not unmindful of the immutable laws of cause and effect; for therein lies the wisdom of the ages.

THE E.I.D. FIRST REPORT

Annual reports as a general rule are prosy documents in subdued, even cut, phraseology and liberally be-spinkled with figures, arranged by a class of professional men known as auditors, who have no imagination whatsoever.

The annual report of the Eastern Irrigation District is no exception to this rule. It tells its story plainly and simply in the report of the trustees and general manager and the auditor has his figures arranged geometrically and in proper classification.

But it does not tell very graphically the true story. It does not relate how a group of bewildered irrigation farmers found themselves owners of a little empire of land with a thirteen million dollar irrigation plant built thereon, a little over a year ago.

It does not tell how there was prospect of dissension and division, fear of failure, and general fretfulness over necessary changes; how these phases were overcome and how a strong central organization developed.

The general result of eight months' endeavors are: the trustees and management have gained a good idea of what is necessary to achieve success and are on their way: the settlers have gained confidence in the management and the project; operating results is provided a surplus of over \$6,000, which is a real accomplishment considering all the circumstances: the reserve furnished by a grant from the C.P.R. has been maintained intact.

The task of making this project a success is not one for the trustees alone or the management either. It is one for every settler. Each one must have his shoulder at the wheel. Success cannot be achieved instantly, either. It will come after long and maybe tedious effort. Great things are ne'er begun in an hour.

Land values have been brought down to a low level and water costs will come down when settlement increases substantially. There is every reason to hope that this latter will materialize in a comparatively short time.

The first year or two will probably be the hardest but the people on this irrigation undertaking have an opportunity to work out their own destiny. Every step must be carefully considered before being undertaken and nothing done that might in any way impair the prospect of ultimate success.

SOCIALISM'S ADVANCE

Belgium has gone socialistic in the elections recently held in that country and France followed that trend shortly afterwards.

Neither country, however, plans to adopt revolutionary measures, such as taking over all industries and operating them under the direction of the state, or nationalizing the land.

Those are future objectives of socialism.

The nations of the world as a whole are drifting (or driving) towards some form of socialism. Governments are taking part in business to a greater extent each year.

The fact that twelve per cent of the people in Canada regularly employed are working for governments is proof of this.

The incidence of taxation, principally the income tax and the estates tax, is dividing up large fortunes. The governments are getting the money.

THE GLORY OF A SEAGOING RACE

The thousand foot long Queen Mary, powered with 200,000 horsepower engines, nosed into New York harbor last week on her maiden voyage to the acclaim of not only welcoming thousands but of the British Empire.

This glorious vessel, "a rampart of a ship, long as a street and lofty as a tower" combines in its structure and career the symbols of Britain's determination to maintain her maritime prestige.

She is the pride and hope of a seafaring race that has always dared the "unplumbed, salt, estranging sea."

As close as a prairie "lumberjack" can figure it, the speed of the Queen Mary is about 33 miles an hour. This speed is necessary to cross the Atlantic in four days. A 1000-foot liner can be driven at that speed with 25 per cent less power to the ton than one of 750 feet. So the Queen Mary was built for utilitarian purposes and not as a speed boat or a

show boat.

No one knows just what the cost of this giant queen of the seas totalled, but the French monster steamer, the Normandie, cost approximately \$60,000,000.

The successful maiden voyage of the Queen Mary can be taken as an indication that Great Britain is pushing forward to prevent the loss of her old supremacy on the seas. This is just a first step, for there is a sister ship yet to come.

The British Titans of the Atlantic will soon be speeding on regular routes with half-way trips from land to land.
"I long to see you leaping to the urge
Of the great engines, rolling as you go,
Parting the seas in sunder in a surge,
Shedding a trackway like a mile of snow,
With all the water streaming from your hull
And all your gear twanging shrilly as you

race . . ."

TOM HUNTER IS DEAD

The passing of T. H. Hunter, an old-timer in the Bassano district, cannot be allowed to pass without the paying of a slight tribute to his memory.

For nearly a quarter of a century Tom Hunter was part and parcel of the life of this community. The best years of his life were spent here, and always was the name of the town in which he lived for so long associated with him.

Tom Hunter could not be described as a "free and easy man", but he was a kindly man and, for all his reticent nature, a friendly man. Many a good action was done by him with few knowing about it.

He saw periods of prosperity and periods of adversity but met both alike. Always his interests were in this district and always was this district first in his affections.

The associations of a quarter of a century are not cut without sorrow. So Tom Hunter's old friends grieve at his passing.

He sleeps peacefully in the cemetery beside the town that meant so much to him. And the thoughts and feelings of friends stray with kind memories to the mound that marks his grave.

ALL FOLKS ARE QUEER

The printer himself told us of this incident so we guess it is true all right. He said he received a letter from a doctor who wanted him to bid on furnishing (what was really a small order) some letterheads and statements, different sizes, different grades of paper and printed in two colors.

Well, that did not peve the printer so that he went home and whipped his wife, but what did get under his cuticle was the letter's last paragraph. The doctor insisted that the forms should be left standing indefinitely so that if at some future time he wanted another batch run off he would be saved the setting up expense. The printer said when he cooled off enough so that the paper he used didn't sizzle, he replied as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter and I guess by a little swapping you and I can do business. I am in the market and will receive bids on one operation for appendicitis and please quote one-, two- and five-inch incisions with and without nurse. If appendix is found to be sound, name price for putting it back where it belongs. If removed, successful bidder is expected to hold incision open indefinitely as I expect to be in the market at some future time for a gallstone operation and of course want to save the expense of another opening."

We remember years ago when conversing with Aristotle he said, "All folks are queer but some are queerer."—Kalamazoo Philosopher.

THE PATHWAY OF POLITICS

The trouble which has enveloped Hon. J. Thomas, British cabinet minister, due to his thoughtlessly revealing secrets of the budget, draws attention to the high standard of honesty in parliamentary circles in Britain. The Thomas exception was due to indiscretion than to corrupt intentions.

The same high standard is prevalent in Canada. Since confederation the dominion has never had a corrupt prime minister. Men like King, Bennett, Meighen, Borden, and Laurier all conducted themselves so as to be above personal suspicion. They all made tremendous sacrifices in remaining in public life, as also have men like Dunning, Rhodes, Fielding, Euler, Manion, Graham, and a whole further list of them.

People are accustomed to deride these men as "professional politicians." That is an error. They are patriots. They render exceptional services for meagre pecuniary rewards and take all kinds of abuse in their public life, as also have men like Dunning, Rhodes, Fielding, Euler, Manion, Graham, and a whole further list of them.

When these useful accessories finally gave up the ghost they were buried in his parsoners' with instructions to take care of them.

As the rubberies bus came to a sudden halt in front of a newly erected shack, a fellow shouted from the open window, "Get a bus, boys! Get a hoist!" As you may suppose, the answer he received was very rude.

THE BASSANO MAIL**Ten Minutes
with the
Scotch Philosopher****HOW THE FARMER
LIVES IN CANADA**

If this should come to the notice of any city folks who think that life on a farm is all apple pie and ice cream, we want to show them otherwise.

Not only has the farmer got to feed both rich and poor at his own expense but other things come along to annoy him.

Just the other day a guy came over to where we were at work with a gang plow.

He had just purchased horse, we noted as we looked at him and he had just got started telling about the fine animal when a crash was heard. Then we saw the 1800-pound creature galloping up the road, taking the farm gate and a fence post along with him. Later on he had to stand upon his horse to be received by his careless owner, but we are still wondering where the gate is. *

Discussing the farmer's fate to meet with the head of his household, a writer in a famous old country journal takes the matter very much to heart.

According to him Canada's credit will be affected so much that little change will be available for future development.

This may cause apprehension in certain quarters but in view of what has happened elsewhere, Canadians have little cause to worry.

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Ever since the end of the great war Germany has been in the throes of financial, financial and political upheavals. Yet she is not held by none other than Winston Churchill that this "bankrupt nation" has spent \$50,000,000 for armaments alone during the past six years.

Italy has also gone through the grape.

With only a scanty supply of gold on hand she has waged a costly war from which, and the moment, has been a military man under arms throughout the sanctified land.

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The name of a certain individual appearing in the daily press brought to mind the thought of a road trip in the days when a one-hundred-mile grade possessed more faults than virtues.

During the summer of 1912 the writer was living in the city of Calgary, and on learning that good trout fishing could be had in the Bow River, he took a boat, gathered a gun and set off to investigate the situation.

At dawn, on a beautiful morning in early June, we started off, packed into what the proud owner said was a "converted truck".

Arriving at the valley at the rate of 12 miles an hour, we arrived at our destination without a single mishap.

Trotty were plentiful, but at noon the following day some of the boys began to feel the heat of the sun, so off we started on the return trip.

These were fixed up in a haphazard fashion—then a spring went out.

Other troubles followed in rapid succession, and the sun was beginning to beat down on us. The overtaxed chariot crawled along the old prairie trail, which at that time ran through the suburb of Killarney.

And how the good folks of that subdivision grinded at the spectacle.

They saw a bunch of weary guys bobbing up and down as they hung on to the four tires.

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REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**Board of Trustees—
Eastern Irrigation District.**

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith Report on the Administration of the District for 1935. The District did not actually assume charge of its affairs until May 1st.

The crop season was that of normal, the rainfall being average.

Weather and crop conditions were fairly normal and water deliveries were approximately 140,000 acres.

Water levels in the reservoirs were normal and annual demand for water in late June, caused by a period of high temperatures after a relatively cool spring, but these were met as satisfactorily as possible.

In August first steps were taken to formulate permanent policies for the District. One of the main source of revenue for any irrigation District, first attempt was given the water assessment roll. Early findings in the roll caused considerable alarm, as the total value of land subject to the irrigation was approximately \$140,000 acres. It was found, however, that the acreage actually producing water, rate, indicated that the total acreage was approximately 135,000 acres; the assessment was based upon the assumption that all acreage was irrigated.

Water users for reclassification proved reasonable, and when this was done, the water users for reclassification proved reasonable, there was an enormous percentage decrease in the net loss of irrigable land, 90,000 acres. The number of farms which were irrigated decreased by 10,000 acres.

As a result of this application, there were many; a number of sales reported by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company were not sales at all when viewed for revenue production, as the purchase was for the purpose of reclassification.

A reclassification of lands commenced in September and continued until the end of October. By the time approximately 62,000 acres had been inspected, with a net loss of irrigable land of approximately 11,000 acres. The balance of the District will be dealt with in 1936.

With this work was progressing, the irrigation office was closed and all records were kept in the office formerly used by the Engineering Branch alone.

Staff. From the records available it was indicated that permanent staff in the project just prior to the organisation of the District amounted annually to approximately \$2,000 per odd irrigable acre. Steps were immediately taken to curtail staff, and by the end of the year the permanent staff was reduced to approximately 16 persons.

Telephones. The policy of maintaining a District telephone system with an exchange quite independent of any local telephone exchange, was discontinued in 1935. All telephone lines were connected with the Alberta Government Exchange in Bassano or Brooks. The number of instruments was reduced by 50%. Repair and maintenance costs were reduced to approximately \$1,000 per acre of irrigable land.

Transportation. Immediately after organization the District was operating over forty cars. For their operation it maintained in Brooks a highly organized garage, with Mechanic, Foreman, Garage Foreman, and a number of mechanics, who were responsible for the repair of company vehicles, storing it in its own tanks. Investigation showed most of the cars to be of old type; many were unnecessary; the cost of operation was high. The number of cars was reduced to seven. The estimated savings approximated \$3,000.

Maintenance of Camps. The District was continuing the system of construction camps followed by the C. P. R. to provide meals and full accommodation for all men employed. Two stores were maintained, one in the camp and one in the town, and a number of local contractors or farmers for repair work on a contract basis. The policy to the end of the year has proved very satisfactory.

In order to definitely reduce the cost of maintenance of the District, it was decided on a divisional basis. Five divisions were set up; maps showing them are available in the office for the water users' inspection at any time. It is planned to retain the existing camp system, and to increase the number of local contractors or farmers for repair work on a contract basis. The policy to the end of the year has proved very satisfactory.

Construction Work & Horses. The District was endeavoring to do all repairs and construction with its own force. This entailed the keeping of a large number of horses throughout the year to have them available for only short periods of work. It is planned to retain the horses at the end of the year, and to hire a number of local contractors or farmers for repair work on a contract basis. The policy to the end of the year has proved very satisfactory.

Water Users. In view of the fact that the District was to receive collections through the marketing agencies, lists of water users were filed with local elevators, demanding payment of the amount due. It was determined that water users required first funds for other purposes, and were doing their best to meet these accounts of the District. Assignments on investors, heat, alfalfa and other crops, were negotiated, payment was to be made in the fall of the year when the work was completed.

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Every possibility of increasing acreage was investigated, even the establishment of pumping plants. Negotiations were carried on with the Calgary Power Company to have it construct a power line through the Project area, and to have it furnish power at a reasonable rate. This was practical the placing of one or two pumping sites. Shortly after the end of the year, the Power Company decided to construct the line and begin operations.

A short time after the end of the year the office land ledger showed a total of 695 re-adjusted or new contract holders; a considerable number of old contracts were still without adjustment pending reclassification or re-assignment. It was decided to make the new contracts in the fall of 1936 totalled 145, to which may be added 97 credit purchases.

The Act to Incorporate the Eastern Irrigation District listed approximately 26 individuals or organizations holding title to their lands, including the original 145, and the number of new contracts holders. In 1935 this number was being increased by the issuing of Transfers to 146, including 34 Transfers on waste lands.

The number of men and the number of women requiring attention at the office was throughout the year approximately 16. The office, the Creamery, and the re-organization of records placed an unusual burden upon them, requiring long hours under somewhat trying conditions. The manner in which the burden was met indicates that under normal conditions the District will be well staffed with very efficient employees.

Your faithfully,

E. L. GRAY,
General Manager.

